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Case Docket No. 6563

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response by way of Petition for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Gary Dean LaVon, et al.

Serial No.: 08/828,005 Group Art Unit: 3761

Date Filed: March 27, 1997 Examiner: K. Reichle

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING REMOVABLE COMPONENTS

1. No additional fee is known to be required.
2. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

		(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	RATE	FEES
TOTAL	*	MINUS	**	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEP.	*	MINUS	***	= 0	x \$80 =	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$270 =	\$0.00
					TOTAL	\$0.00

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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3. The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2001 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$110.00 for a one month extension of time.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - a. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
 - b. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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Gary Dean LaVon et al.

Serial No.: 08/828,005

: Group Art Unit: 3761

Filed: March 27, 1997

: Examiner: K. Reichle (703) 308-2617

Title: Absorbent Articles Having Removable
Components

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.144

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.144 to grant reconsideration of a restriction requirement in the above-identified case. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, including fees required to make any additional copies of this petition, to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

REMARKS

Restriction of Applicants' claimed invention as it relates to Claims 11-12, 17, 20, 32-33, 37-39, 43-44, and 82-89 has been required under 35 U.S.C. 121 in Paper No. 21 of the Office Action dated November 30, 2000. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement has been requested in a response dated December 20, 2000. In the Office Action of March 2, 2001, Paper No. 23, the Examiner again requested an election of species within the pending claims. Applicants hereby petition this restriction requirement, and contend that the requirement is erroneous and improper, for the reasons stated hereinbelow.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 11-12, 17, 20, 32-33, 37-39, 43-44, and 82-89 remain in the present application. Petition is hereby submitted for prosecution and continued examination of these remaining and pending claims.

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